

Docket No. CTC-2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION:

Kenneth C. CRATER, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/436,368

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EXAMINER:

FOR: DISTRIBUTED INTERFACE
ARCHITECTURE FOR
PROGRAMMABLE INDUSTRIAL
CONTROL SYSTEMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 8, 10, 12, 16, and 17 as follows:

Claim 1, line 3, change "for gathering" to --configured to gather--;

line 5, change "for receiving" to --configured to receive--; and

line 6, change "transmitting" to --configured to transmit--.

Claim 8, line 3, delete in its entirety;

line 4, change "b." to --a.--; same line, change "the" to --an industrial--;

line 5, change "c." to --b.--; and

line 6, change "d." to --c.--.

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